

BIOGRAPHY

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Dr. Dates has spent the past eighteen years at Howard University, serving as a faculty member in the Department of Radio, Television and Film, associate dean and then dean of the School. Prior to her career at Howard, Dr. Dates served as anchor and executive producer of a weekly television magazine for the Baltimore, Maryland NBC affiliate, WBAL-TV and as executive producer and host for a distance learning television series for Morgan State College students studying African American history and culture. She also served as a panelist on a weekly public affairs television series for the Baltimore, Maryland ABC affiliate, WJZ-TV.

Since serving as a Fellow at the Freedom Forum Media Studies Center at Columbia University in 1992, Dr. Dates research has focused on media images and effects, media treatment of African Americans and similar multicultural groups, and the significance of diversity in media industries and in higher education.

Dr. Dates work within the Broadcast Education Association includes the following:

- Secretary of the Board, 1999-2000
- Board of Directors, 1997-1999
- Program Chair, National Conference, 1996
- Board of Directors, Finance Committee, 1994
- Board of Directors Task Force member, Membership Services
- Board of Directors, Publications Committee Member (1992-1994)
- Chairwoman, Multicultural Studies Division (1992-93)
- Vice Chair, Multicultural Studies Division (1990-1992)
- Chairwoman, Leadership Challenge Division (1987-1990)
- Newsletter Editor, Gender Issues Division (1990-1992)
- Courses and Curriculum Committee Member (1989-Present)

A frequent speaker and panelist on national television and radio programs, Dr. Dates has appeared or spoken on CNN's "Both Sides with Jesse Jackson," CSPAN's "Booknotes" and "Close-up," NPR's "All Things Considered," NPR's "On the Media," BET's "Our Visions," and others.

Dr. Dates currently serves as the chair of the Black College Communication Association, an organization of many of the 39 Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU's) which have communications programs. She is a member of the national advisory board of the George Foster Peabody Awards, the board of directors of the Broadcast Education Association, and the accrediting committee of the Accrediting Council of Education in Journalism and Mass Communication.